

**Introduced by Senator Ducheny**February 22, 2005

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An act relating to fish and game.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1081, as introduced, Ducheny. Salton Sea restoration.

Existing law requires the Secretary of the Resources Agency, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Water Resources, the Salton Sea Authority, appropriate air quality districts, and the Salton Sea Advisory Committee, to undertake a restoration study to determine a preferred alternative for the restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem and the protection of wildlife dependent on that ecosystem.

This bill would make findings and declarations relating to tributaries of the Salton Sea and local control of the restoration.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The Alamo River and the New River are important
- 4 resources and inland tributaries to the Salton Sea.
- 5 (b) Improving water quality and the quantity of water that
- 6 feeds into the Salton Sea are extremely important goals.
- 7 (c) The restoration of the Salton Sea is important to the
- 8 economic development of Imperial County and Riverside
- 9 County.

- 1 (d) Local input on restoration efforts should be taken into
- 2 consideration at every phase of the restoration plan.
- 3 (e) The state should address the involvement of local entities
- 4 such as the Salton Sea Authority and review the potential to shift
- 5 implementation of the restoration plan to a local entity.